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1. off Cape Terskiy Orlov
(N67-12, E41-20). was a powerful searchlight
Morezhovets Island (N66-38, E42-30) was on the south. On the northwest spit of
this island was a conspicuous beacon, a high wooden structure with a white, round top.
Cape Abramov (N66-24, E43-16) could be rounded only at high water.
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3. a floating bridge on the west bank of the Mezen River near
a large sawmill. the floating bridge is laid out only
in the summer, and is withdrawn when ice is drifting.
4. Alongside a second floating bridge was a steamer of about 1,000 GRT taking on
lumber. Two other ships lay at anchor in the river waiting for a free berth
at the floating bridge.
5. Mezen consists of some single-story wooden buildings on the east bank of the river. No
military installations or Soviet war vessels
6. a small Soviet passenger steamer of about
600 GRT ferried workmen, women, and horses from Mezen at regular intervals. The steamer

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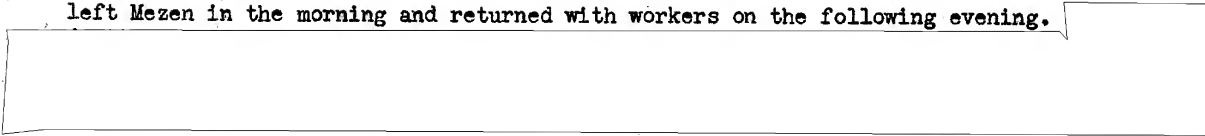
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left Mezen in the morning and returned with workers on the following evening.



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